

a subject in the required curriculum under Section 28.002, as determined by the State Board of Education;

(2) is not designed to serve as the sole instructional material for a full course;

(3) meets applicable physical specifications adopted by the State Board of Education; [and]

(4) is free from factual errors;

(5) is suitable for the subject and grade level; and

(6) is reviewed by academic experts in the subject and grade level.

SECTION 3. Sections 31.023(b) and 31.035(a), Education Code, as amended by this Act, apply only to an instructional material list or supplemental instructional material adopted on or after the effective date of this Act. An instructional material list or supplemental instructional material adopted before the effective date of this Act is governed by the law in effect when the instructional material list or supplemental instructional material was adopted, and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose.

SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.

Passed the Senate on May 4, 2017: Yeas 31, Nays 0; May 26, 2017, Senate refused to concur in House amendments and requested appointment of Conference Committee; May 26, 2017, House granted request of the Senate; May 28, 2017, Senate adopted Conference Committee Report by the following vote: Yeas 26, Nays 4; passed the House, with amendments, on May 24, 2017: Yeas 106, Nays 38, two present not voting; May 26, 2017, House granted request of the Senate for appointment of Conference Committee; May 28, 2017, House adopted Conference Committee Report by the following vote: Yeas 78, Nays 62, two present not voting.

Approved June 9, 2017.

Effective September 1, 2017.

TEXAS WOMEN VETERANS

CHAPTER 579

S.B. No. 805

AN ACT

relating to Texas women veterans.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

SECTION 1. Section 434.203, Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 434.203. COORDINATOR. (a) The executive director shall designate a women veterans coordinator for this state.

(b) *The coordinator or the coordinator's designee shall serve as a liaison between state and federal agencies and organizations that provide benefits and services to women veterans.*

SECTION 2. Section 434.204, Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 434.204. GENERAL PROGRAM DUTIES. The program shall:

(1) provide assistance to the women veterans of this state as provided by this subchapter;

(2) perform outreach functions to improve the awareness of women veterans of their eligibility for federal and state veterans' benefits and services;

(3) assess the needs of women veterans with respect to benefits and services;

(4) review programs, research projects, and other initiatives designed to address the needs of the women veterans of this state;

(5) make recommendations to the executive director regarding the improvement of benefits and services to women veterans; ~~and~~

(6) incorporate issues concerning women veterans in commission planning regarding veterans' benefits and services; and

(7) *in collaboration with appropriate state agencies, provide information to women veterans on services and resources provided by state or federal agencies and organizations to women veterans.*

SECTION 3. Subchapter E, Chapter 434, Government Code, is amended by adding Sections 434.212, 434.213, and 434.214 to read as follows:

Sec. 434.212. WOMEN VETERANS REPORT. *Not later than November 1 of each even-numbered year, the commission shall submit to the governor, lieutenant governor, and legislature a report on women veterans in this state. The report may be delivered electronically and must:*

(1) *estimate the:*

(A) *number of women veterans in this state;*

(B) *number of women veterans who contact the commission for assistance; and*

(C) *number of women veterans who receive assistance from the commission, the Texas Workforce Commission, the Department of State Health Services, and other state agencies;*

(2) *identify the unique problems faced by women veterans; and*

(3) *recommend policy proposals, initiatives, and funding levels to address the problems identified in Subdivision (2).*

Sec. 434.213. WOMEN VETERANS COMMUNITY OUTREACH CAMPAIGN. *The women veterans coordinator designated under Section 434.203, in consultation with the Governor's Commission for Women, the United States Department of Veterans Affairs, and any other appropriate agency, shall conduct a community outreach campaign to:*

(1) *provide information relating to and increase awareness of benefits and services available to women veterans;*

(2) *improve access to benefits and services for women veterans;*

(3) *increase participation of women veterans in programs that provide benefits and services;*

(4) *provide information on the significant contributions of women veterans in this state; and*

(5) *provide information relating to and increase awareness of support groups and other organizations relating to family services, including services for women veterans who are single parents.*

Sec. 434.214. APPLICATION FOR STATE AGENCY PROGRAMS, SERVICES, OR ASSISTANCE. (a) *This section applies to a state agency in the executive branch of state government, including a health and human services agency, that provides to adult women in this state a program, a service, or assistance, including the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families program, the supplemental nutrition assistance program, the women's health program, Medicaid, the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children, and a housing program or service or housing assistance.*

(b) *A state agency shall include in each application for a program, a service, or assistance provided by the agency to adult women:*

(1) *a space to indicate whether the applicant is a veteran; and*

(2) *model language informing the applicant that she may be entitled to additional services because of her veteran status.*

(c) *The commission shall develop the model language required on an application under Subsection (b)(2). The language must include a link to the veterans website established under Section 434.102 or, for an online application, a hyperlink to that website.*

SECTION 4. Subchapter C, Chapter 662, Government Code, is amended by adding Section 662.065 to read as follows:

Sec. 662.065. WOMEN VETERANS DAY. (a) June 12 is Women Veterans Day to recognize the role of women in the military forces and to commemorate the sacrifices of and valor displayed by Texas women veterans.

(b) Women Veterans Day shall be regularly observed by appropriate programs and activities.

SECTION 5. Not later than November 1, 2018, the women veterans coordinator shall establish the women veterans community outreach campaign as required under Section 434.213, Government Code, as added by this Act, and the Texas Veterans Commission shall adopt any rules necessary to implement the campaign.

SECTION 6. (a) Not later than December 1, 2017, the Texas Veterans Commission shall develop the model application language required by Section 434.214, Government Code, as added by this Act, and post that information on the commission's Internet website.

(b) Not later than March 1, 2018, each state agency subject to Section 434.214, Government Code, as added by this Act, shall modify the agency's application for programs, services, or assistance as necessary to implement that section.

SECTION 7. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.

Passed the Senate on May 2, 2017: Yeas 30, Nays 1; the Senate concurred in House amendments on May 27, 2017: Yeas 30, Nays 1; passed the House, with amendments, on May 24, 2017: Yeas 146, Nays 0, two present not voting.

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CHOICE OF LAW AND VENUE FOR CERTAIN CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS

CHAPTER 580

S.B. No. 807

AN ACT

relating to choice of law and venue for certain construction contracts.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

SECTION 1. The heading to Chapter 272, Business & Commerce Code, is amended to read as follows:

CHAPTER 272. LAW APPLICABLE TO CERTAIN CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS [FOR CONSTRUCTION OR REPAIR OF REAL PROPERTY IMPROVEMENTS]

SECTION 2. Chapter 272, Business & Commerce Code, is amended by adding Section 272.0001 and amending Sections 272.001 and 272.002 to read as follows:

Sec. 272.0001. DEFINITION. In this chapter, "construction contract" means a contract, subcontract, or agreement entered into or made by an owner, architect, engineer, contractor, construction manager, subcontractor, supplier, or material or equipment lessor for the design, construction, alteration, renovation, remodeling, or repair of, or for the furnishing of material or equipment for, a building, structure, appurtenance, or other improvement to or on public or private real property, including moving, demolition, and excavation connected with the real property. The term includes an agreement to which an architect, engineer, or contractor and an owner's lender are parties regarding an assignment of the construction contract or other modifications thereto.

Sec. 272.001. VOIDABLE CONTRACT PROVISION. (a) This section applies only to